Service Date: February 10, 1999

FINAL ORDER NO. 6458

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601 Helena, Montana 59620-2601

| IN THE MATTER OF Missoula Communit | ty) | Docket No. T-98.67.PCN |
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| Health Services, Inc. dba Mineral |) | Order No. 6458 |
| Community Hospital, Superior, Montana, |) | |
| Application for a Montana Intrastate |) | |
| Certificate of Public Convenience and |) | |
| Necessity. | | |

The Commission, being fully advised in the premises, makes the following findings, conclusions and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On November 9, 1998, Missoula Community Health Services, Inc. dba Mineral Community Hospital, Superior, Montana, filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission under Title 69, MCA, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing transportation of the following:

 Class B Passengers between all points and places in Mineral and Missoula Counties, Montana.
- 2. In accordance with Section 69-23-321, MCA, this matter was noticed to the public December 8, 1998. That notice said in pertinent part:

 If no written protests are received by December 28, 1998, a hearing may not be held and a final order may be issued in this Docket. If a protest is received, a hearing will be scheduled.

 Individual notice of the hearing will be given only to Protestants and Applicant.

The application included affidavits of support.

- 3. Protest was filed by Valet Limousine, Inc., Missoula, Montana.
- 4. The protest was withdrawn after the Applicant restrictively amended the application. The amendments are incorporated into the Order granting authority herein.
- 5. The record of this application is available for inspection at the Public Service Commission Office, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter in this proceeding.
- 2. The Commission afforded all parties interested in this proceeding proper notice and an opportunity to participate.
- 3. Public Convenience and Necessity require a grant of the authority sought by the Applicant.

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, at a session of the Public Service Commission, Department of Public Service Regulation of the State of Montana, held in its offices at 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, on Monday, the 8th day of February, 1999 there being present a quorum of Commissioners, there came regularly before the Commission for final action the matters and things in Docket No. T-98.67.PCN, and the Commission being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS ORDERED by the Commission that the application of Missoula Community Health Services, Inc. dba Mineral Community Hospital, Superior, Montana, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity IS GRANTED to the following extent:

Class B - Passengers between all points and places in Mineral and Missoula Counties, Montana. LIMITATIONS: Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a full, true, and correct copy of this order be sent forthwith by first class mail to the applicant and all parties herein.

THE FOREGOING ORDER was adopted by the Department of Public Service Regulation of the State of Montana, Public Service Commission, IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 8th day of February, 1999 by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

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ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider

this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten

(10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.